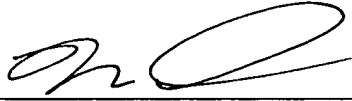


Examination on the merits is awaited.

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5. (Amended) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 4, further comprising a sleeve, said ferrule is inserted in said sleeve;

wherein said second member has a depressed portion provided in an inner wall surface of the tubular portion, and

wherein said sleeve is arranged in the depressed portion of said second member.

6. (Amended) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 2,

wherein the tubular portion of said second member has first and second portions arranged in a direction of the predetermined axis,

wherein the first portion accommodates said ferrule, and

wherein the second portion is provided such that another ferrule can be inserted therein.

11. (New) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 4,

wherein the tubular portion of said second member has first and second portions arranged in a direction of the predetermined axis,

wherein the first portion accommodates said ferrule, and

wherein the second portion is provided such that another ferrule can be inserted therein.